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## USS LABOON (DDG 58)

Guided Missile Destroyer

Homeport: Norfolk, Virginia

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USS LABOON (DDG-58) commanded by Commander Robert D. Randall of Pensacola, Florida was named in honor of the distinguished career of Captain John "Jake" Laboon, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy.

LABOON is one of the most capable warships in today's fleet. The eighth destroyer of the ARLEIGH BURKE Class, she combines the most modern weapons and combat systems in our fleet with an engineering plant and hull design built for total survivability.

USS LABOON was built by Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, and was commissioned on March 18, 1995. LABOON embarked on her Maiden Deployment in 1996 assigned to COMMANDER MIDDLE EAST FORCE (5<sup>TH</sup> Fleet) where she became the first ARLEIGH BURKE DESTROYER to fire in anger during operation Desert Strike, LABOON also participated in numerous maritime interdiction operation in support of the U.N. embargo against Iraq before returning home in November 1996. In early spring of 1998 LABOON's second deployment resulted in ships leaving home port at staggered times. The first part of the deployment would be the last time the squadron would sail together until the end of the deployment.

While deployed LABOON joined our NATO allies in order to prepare for contingency operations against any threat. The deployment also added some fun when the crew enjoyed the hospitality of various European countries culminating in LABOON'S visit to the world famous "Cannes Film Festival". The French were treated to extensive ship-wide tours, and enjoyed a relaxing night on the Flight deck where they drank American wine and beer and ate hors d'oeuvres. Upon return to home port and a month long leave/standown period, the ship started a new inter-deployment training cycle in preparation for her next deployment with USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER Battlegroup which began in February 2000. LABOON's latest deployment in 2002 included a tour through the Mediterranean and Middle East in support of operation "Enduring Freedom".

In 2004 LABOON together with USS GONZALEZ (DDG 66), USS STOUT (DDG 55) was chosen to participate in an extremely challenging new program called "SEA SWAP". The program will enable one hull to remain in an area of operations for periods exceeding 18 months while crews rotate every 6 months.

### SHIP'S SPECIFICATIONS:

#### GENERAL

Length - 505 feet  
Beam (Maximum)- 67 feet  
Speed: 30+ knots  
Draft (Navigational)- 31 feet  
Displacement- 8,900 tons full load  
Complement- 28 Officers/318 Enlisted

#### ENGINEERING

Propulsion: 4 General Electric LM2500 Gas  
Turbine Engines, 2 Shafts  
100,000 Shaft Horsepower  
Electrical:  
Services:

#### SENSORS

AN/SPS-55 Surface Radar  
AN/SPS-49 Air Radar  
AN/SQS-56  
AN/SQR-19 TACTAS (Towed Array)

#### WEAPONS

2 MK41 VLS for Standard Missiles,  
Tomahawk Missiles, Harpoon Missiles  
6 MK46 Torpedoes from two mounts  
MK45 5"/54 Lightweight Gun  
2 Phalanx CIWS

#### AIRCRAFT

Keel Laid: March 23, 1992

Christened: February 20, 1993

Commissioned: March 18, 1995